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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

200th Engineer Company recognized as a Superior Unit

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200th Engineer Company

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Army National Guard's 200th Engineer Company, located in Pierre, Chamberlain and Mobridge, was presented the National Guard Bureau's Superior Unit Award, June 6, for outstanding achievement.

The 200th is one of 14 South Dakota Army National Guard Units awarded the Superior Unit Award for training year 2014 and one of eight units to earn the award in consecutive years. The Superior Unit Award is given for meeting highly-enforced military standards in the areas of personnel, training and readiness.

"Earning this award is proof that hard work and dedication to your unit pays off," said Capt. Mark Francisco, 200th company commander." This award is for all members of the 200th, past and present that have made this unit great for decades. These men and women have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, so it is tough to impress them, but it is my hope that they look at this award with a sense of pride, because I am extremely proud of them."

In order to earn the award, units must maintain assigned personnel strength of 95 percent, complete monthly drills, annual training, and ensure that 95 percent of their Soldiers are fully qualified in their military specialty. Meeting training goals, weapon qualification rates, Army Physical Fitness Test results, and unit inspections factor into award requirements.

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High resolution photos are available upon request.



150606-Z-ZZ999-002: U.S. Army Lt. Col. David Dailey, battalion commander of the South Dakota Army Guard's 153rd Engineer Battalion, presents Capt. Mark Francisco, company commander of the 200th Engineer Company, with the National Guard Bureau's Superior Unit Award for outstanding achievement, June 6, 2015. The 200th Engineer Company is one of 14 SDARNG units awarded the SUA for training year 2014 for meeting highly-enforced military standards in the areas of personnel, training and readiness. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Robert Cole/Released)



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